GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:266
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2002
POOR QUALITY OF TELECAST IN TRIBAL AREAS
LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Government to extend good quality T. V. coverage to all the tribal and inaccessible areas of the country;

(b) the areas still left out of T. V. coverage;

(c) whether the quality of the T. V. telecast is quite poor in several areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the number of representations received by the Government from the public representatives so far in this regard and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OTHE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 266 REGARDI POOR QUALITY OF TELECAST IN TRIBAL AREAS FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2002.

(a) & (b): At present, 1321 TV transmitters of Doordarshan arefunctioning in various parts of the country, including 417 transmitters in tribal sub plan districts and remote areas. TV coverage is estimated to beavailable to about 89.7% population of the country spread over about 77.7% of its area. In satellite mode , programmes are available throughout the country and can be received with the help of appropriate dish antenna system or through cable network. To further expand terrestrial coverage, 135 TV transmitter projects are under implementation. With the commissioning of these transmitters, population-wise coverage is expected to increase to about 91.3% and area-wise coverage to about 80%. Besides, additional transmitters are envisaged to be set up during the 10th Plan and alternative technology options are also proposed to be adopted to cover hitherto uncovered areas. A cable head end scheme, for expansion of TV coverage in North East States including Sikkim, is under implementation.

(c) & (d): The technical quality of Doordarshan telecasts is satisfactoryRepresentations from public representatives are received from time to time about the quality of telecast. It is Doordarshan`s constantendeavour to promptly take necessary corrective action on these representations.